

## SUMMARY REPORT OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2009 COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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This summary is a statement of discussions held by the Cottonwood City Council at a work session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

**Council Members Present:** Council Members Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, and Darold Smith. **Council Member Absent:** Mayor Diane Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer,

Council Member Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY REPRESENTATIVE LUCY MASON

This item was tabled as Representative Mason was unable to attend the Council work session.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

#### PRESENTATION BY COORDINATORS FROM THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE REGARDING THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES & DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Jon Rolph spoke and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the establishment of a historic preservation commission. Such a commission would demonstrate the city's concern for its cultural heritage which the Council has expressed its desire to do. By taking the required steps to comply with state regulations, funding and advisory assistance could be made available from state and federal sources to help with a program for historic preservation.

The Council consensus was for staff to take steps to create a historic preservation commission.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY

Mr. Jon Rolph spoke and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the establishment of an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for the city as part of the Council's desire to revitalize the city's older neighborhoods. The creation of such a program would make the city eligible to receive state assistance for such projects subject to certain guidelines and conditions. Certain administrative costs would be incurred.

The Council consensus was for staff to take steps to create a program and report back to the Council.

TRANSITION OF COTTONWOOD AREA TRANSIT (CAT) TO THE MANAGEMENT OF NORTHERN ARIZONA INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NAIPTA)

Mr. Jeff Mielbeck, General Manager of the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Transit Authority (NAIPTA), spoke about the desirability of merging Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) into NAIPTA. The major advantages would be an integrated regional transit system and a transfer of liability to the new authority. Employees would be offered greater opportunities while retaining current salaries and benefits.

Direction from the Council was for staff to continue to work towards a merger date of July 2010 subject to Council approval of a financial cost analysis and an agreement for the merger to be prepared by NAIPTA and presented for Council approval prior to any final decision being made.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.